





## Entertainment.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.  
**THURSDAY!**  
**THURSDAY!!**  
**HAMILTON'S MUSICAL BOUQUET**  
COMEDY COMPANY.  
**Entire Change of Programme!**  
NEW SONGS! NEW DANCES!  
THE BAND OF THE 58th REGIMENT.  
**NOTICE.**  
**THE NEXT PERFORMANCE**  
by  
THE COMPANY WILL TAKE PLACE  
ON  
**SATURDAY NEXT,**  
the 24th March, 1888.  
Box Plan now open at Messrs. KILBY  
& WATSON.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1888. 456

## Notices to Consignees.

**STEAMSHIP OXUS.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London  
and Havre, ex S.S. *Indus*, in con-  
nection with the above Steamer, are  
hereby informed that their Goods—with  
the exception of Opium, Tobacco and  
Valuables—are being landed and stored at  
their risk at the Company's Godowns,  
whence delivery may be obtained immedi-  
ately after landing.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless  
intimation is received from the Consignees  
before 10 a.m. To-day (Monday), the 19th  
Inst., requesting it to be landed here.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.  
Goods remaining undelivered after SATUR-  
DAY, the 24th Inst., at Noon, will be subject  
to rent, and landing charges at one cent  
per packet per diem.  
All Claims must be sent in to me on or  
before MONDAY, the 26th Instant, or they  
will not be recognized.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1888. 451

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
S.S. *UPPINGHAM*, FROM GLASGOW,  
LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-  
formed that all Goods, with the exception  
of Opium, are being landed at their risk  
into the Godowns of the Kowloon  
Wharf & Godown Co. at Kowloon, whence  
and/or from the Wharves delivery may be  
obtained.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-  
less notice to the contrary be given before  
4 p.m. To-day, the 19th Instant.  
No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods  
remaining after the 25th Instant will be  
subject to rent.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Undersigned on or before  
the 25th Instant, or they will not be re-  
cognised.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1888. 453

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION**  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Kulang*, having ar-  
rived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that  
their Goods are being landed at their risk  
into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND  
KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.,  
at West Point, whence delivery may be  
obtained.  
Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
21st Instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1888. 454

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
S.S. *STRATHLEVEN*, FROM NEW  
YORK AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby re-  
quested to send in their Bills of Lading to  
the Undersigned for countersignature, and  
to take immediate delivery of their  
Goods from alongside.  
Cargo involving the discharge of the  
Steamer will be at once landed and stored  
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no  
Fire Insurance will be effected.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Undersigned immediately  
or they will not be recognised.  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 17, 1888. 445

## To-day's Advertisements.

**CATHAY CHAPTER, No. 1165.**

A Regular CONVOCAION of the  
above CHAPTER will be held in the  
FRIEDLAND HALL, Zealand Street, on  
MONDAY NEXT, the 20th Inst., at 8.30  
or 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN  
are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 460

**HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**

THE FIFTH PRIZE MEETING will be  
held at Kowloon on FRIDAY and  
SATURDAY, March 3rd and 4th, and  
MONDAY, April 1st, 1888.  
For Members and ALL COMING over  
\$1,200 will be given in Prizes.  
The S.F. Rifle will commence each day  
at 10 a.m.  
Programme and Entry Forms can be ob-  
tained from the Undersigned on and after  
Monday, 26th March, 1888.  
A. SHERIDAN HOOPER,  
Honorary Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 465

## To-day's Advertisements.

**STEAM TO SHANGHAI.**  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s  
Steamship  
*Venice*  
will leave for the above  
place at 10 a.m. TO-MORROW, the 21st  
Instant.  
E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 468

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION**  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Tanjong*,  
Capt. Jackson, will be  
despatched as above TO-  
MORROW, the 21st Instant, at 3 p.m.  
This Steamer has superior First-class  
Accommodation, specially constructed to  
meet the requirements of tropical climates.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 467

**UBAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.  
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates  
for NINGPO, CHEKOW, NEW-  
CHOW, TIENTSIN, HANKOW AND  
PORTS ON THE YAMATSEI.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Patricius*,  
Capt. Thompson, will be  
despatched as above on  
THURSDAY, the 22nd Inst., at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
HUTCHINSON & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 423

**THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.**  
FOR MELBOURNE, SYDNEY AND  
QUEENSLAND PORTS, VIA KIDAT,  
SOURABAYA AND TILLEULHIN.  
(Taking through Cargo for ADELAIDE,  
TASMANIA AND NEW ZEALAND.)

The British Steamer  
*Agincourt*,  
Capt. Thompson, with part  
of her cargo, will be despatched as above (instead of as pre-  
viously notified) on SATURDAY, the 24th  
Instant, at 5 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage (\$150 to Mel-  
bourne or Sydney), apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Managers.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 473

**SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.**  
FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND  
YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship  
*Glamorganshire*,  
D. DAVIES, Commander,  
will be despatched for  
the above Ports on the 27th Instant, and  
this Steamer has superior Passenger  
Accommodation.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 466

**SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES CHAR-**  
**BONNAGES DU TONKIN.**  
(SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME.)

**CAPITAL, . . . FRANCES 4,000,000**  
DIVIDED INTO 8,000 SHARES OF  
FRANCES 500 EACH.

THIS Société is being formed for the  
purpose of WORKING the COAL  
MINES at HALONG BAY, Tonquin, under a  
Concession granted by the French Govern-  
ment in Tonquin, to M. BAZIER-CHAUFFOUR  
as per Act, dated Hanoi, the 28th day of  
March, 1887, and the 6th day of August,  
1887.

THE COAL MINES cover an Area of  
about 15,000 hectares, and the Concession  
will be conveyed to the Société by the Con-  
cessionaire as soon as the Société is formed.  
Of the 8,000 SHARES, 4,000 are offered  
for Public Subscription at Par on the 22nd  
and 23rd days of March, 1888, and the  
Amount thereof is payable on application.  
Forms of Application can be obtained from  
M. BAZIER-CHAUFFOUR, 7, Queen's  
Road Central, to whom the same must be  
returned when filled up and signed, and  
where also the Articles of Association of the  
Société in formation can be obtained  
by the intending Shareholders.

PAYMENT of 500 FRANCES applied for  
must be made to the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTES  
DE PARIS, Hongkong, as Agents for the  
Banque de l'INDO-CHINE, who will grant  
Receipts for same.

Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 472

**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.**

**NOTICE.**

**STEAM FOR**  
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,  
SUETZ, PORT SAID,  
TRIESTE, BRINDISI, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,  
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK  
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;  
ALSO,  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,  
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,  
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN  
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL  
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS  
AND LOGGERS.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for the principal places in  
RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 16th day of April,  
1888, at 4 p.m., the Company's  
Steamship *PREUSS*, Capt. G. FOMZ,  
with MAILED PASSENGERS, SUEZ,  
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,  
calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till  
Noon, Cargo will be received on board  
until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 8  
p.m. on the 15th April, 1888. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board, they must be  
left at the AGENT'S Office). Contents and  
Value of Packages are required.  
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation  
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
MELOHRES & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 464

## To-day's Advertisements.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER  
to Sell by Public Auction, on  
**TUESDAY,**  
the 27th Instant, at Noon, at H.M. Naval  
Yard—  
**SUNDRY NAVAL & VICTUALLING**  
**CONDEMNED STORES,**  
comprising—  
Old Iron, PAPEL STUFF, HONES, CHOCO-  
LATE, FLOUR, BISCUIT DUST, IMPLEMENTS,  
&c., &c.  
TERMS OF SALE.—As at customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Government Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1888. 471

**SHIPPING.**  
**ARRIVAL.**  
March 19, 1888.  
Amoy, British steamer, 814, R. Kohler.  
Shanghai March 13, General.—STRESEN &  
Co.  
March 20—  
Don Juan, Spanish steamer, 654, José M.  
Marquez, Manila March 17, General—  
BRANDAO & Co.  
Venice, British steamer, 1,699, F. Cole.  
Bombay March 17, and Singapore 15, Mails  
and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
Patricius, British steamer, 1,386, Pul-  
ford, Liverpool and Singapore March 14,  
General.—BUTCHER & SWIRE.  
Chow-chow for German steamer, 880, W.  
Wendt, Bangkok March 12, Wood and  
Rice.—TUNG KEE.

**DEPARTURES.**  
March 20—  
Sachon, for Europe.  
Chi Yuen, for Singapore.  
Fushun, for Whampoa.  
Manuel, for Manila.  
Uppinham, for Shanghai.  
Diamante, for Amoy and Manila.  
Yangtze, for Shanghai.  
Amoy, for Whampoa.  
March 21—  
Aron, for Manilla.  
Polshun, for Swatow.  
Glenfalloch, for Shanghai.  
Aluine, for Haiphong.  
Anchises, for Singapore and London.  
Cheong Hock Kien, for Swatow.  
Adolphus, for Saigon.  
Anton, for Swatow.  
Canton, for Haiphong.  
Formosa, for Swatow.  
Rialto, for London.

**PASSENGERS.**  
March 20—  
Per Amoy, from Shanghai, 13 Chinese.  
Per Don Juan, from Manila, Messrs D.  
O'Keefe, Clemente Caballero, Geronimo  
Abella, Juan Ataide y Gruit, 3 natives,  
and 64 Chinese.  
Per Patricius, from Liverpool, &c., for  
Hongkong, Mr. O. Ricketts, and 340 Chi-  
nese, for Shanghai, Mr. Tempest Wood, and  
1 European.  
Per Venice, for Hongkong, for Naples,  
Rev. A. Gregory, from Bombay, Messrs H.  
Kennedy, A. C. Logan, D. M. Setna, Dr.  
M. R. Setna, Rev. C. R. Alvarez, Mr.  
Cowan's servant, from Calcutta, Mr. J.  
G. D. Campbell, from Penang, 61 Chinese;  
from Singapore, Mr. J. Sloan, 2 Chinese,  
and 1 Chinese servant, for Shanghai;  
from London, Messrs McKenna, Barsley,  
and McGuire, from Naples, Prince Caristi,  
wife, child and servant, from Brindisi,  
Messrs Wolff and Deacon, from Colombo,  
Mr. Smalley, and Rev. Edward Knatchbull-  
Hughes, for Yokohama, from London,  
Mr. Russell Robertson, Mrs. Robertson,  
Messrs Ross and Hartley, from Singapore,  
Mr. H. Williamson and servant.  
Per Chow-chow, from Bangkok, 45  
Chinese.

**DEPARTED.**  
Per Sachon, from Yokohama, for Bremen,  
Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, 2 children and  
Japanese servant, and Mr. F. Robinson, for  
Genoa, Mr. M. Lubarsch, from Nagasaki;  
for Port Said, Lieut. Renner, J.R.N.  
from Shanghai, for Genoa, Mr. and Mrs.  
Oulmer, Mr. Hung, for Bremen, Dr. and  
Mrs. Hirth and children; for Southampton,  
Chinese. From Hongkong, for Genoa,  
Mr. R. B. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp,  
A. Gilles and 6 children; for Southampton,  
Mr. Ph. Henry Barrell, for Bremen, Mr.  
Hans Cornelius.  
Per Chi Yuen, for Singapore, 835 Chi-  
nese.

Per Sachon, from Shanghai, for Genoa,  
Mr. Vico del Pero, and 1 European.

Per Amoy, from Hongkong, for Saigon,  
Rosa, Mother Paul de la Croix, J. Luc-  
sagne, J. M. Renier and Gauthier, for  
Singapore, Lieutenant Young, R.E., Mrs.  
Simon and 3 children; for Colombo,  
Rev. Brother Ideanides, for Marseilles,  
Rev. R. Rousseau, Mrs. Findlay Smith,  
child and servant, Miss Fournier, Mes-  
srs Paul Fournier, Paul Vincinet,  
Charles Vincinet, For Aden, from Kobe,  
Mr. E. Jaffe, For Marseilles, from Shang-  
hai, La Comtesse de Boerodon and maid,  
Mg. Girard Poray, Messrs T. B. Laithon,  
T. M. Liberto, T. Dawerscheim, Mr. and  
Mrs. Williams, G. Gray and infant, from  
Yokohama, Captain J. Isambard, Messrs Rital  
Rousseau and Okuma, from Kobe, Messrs  
Steenackers and Sano Reizo.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**

**MAILS will close:**

For SHANGHAI—  
Per Venice, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday,  
the 21st Inst.

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI—  
Per Canton, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday,  
the 21st Inst.

For STRAITS & CALCUTTA—  
Per Taiyang, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday,  
the 21st Inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

For SAIGON—  
Per Melita, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday,  
the 21st Inst.

**HOURS OF CLOSING.**

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**

The following hours are observed in closing  
Mails, &c., by the French Contract  
Packet—  
Day before departure—  
8 a.m.—Money Order Office closes.  
Post Office closes, except the  
NIGHT BOX, which is always  
open out of Office hours.

Day of departure—  
7 a.m.—Post Office opens.  
10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.  
10.30 a.m.—Posting of all printed matter,  
and postmarks ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late  
Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with  
Late Fee of 10 cents until

11.30 a.m.—When the Post Office closes  
entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted  
with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of  
departure.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH CONTRACT.**

The French Contract Packet, under  
which the French Mail is carried, will be  
despatched on WEDNESDAY, the  
21st March, with Mails for the  
United Kingdom, Europe, and places be-  
yond, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Straits  
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,  
the Australian Colonies, Pondichery,  
Calcutta, Madras, Aden, Mauritius,  
Egypt, India, and Gibraltar.  
The usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.

**Not Responsible for Debts.**

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour—  
ALLIE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.  
Phillips.—Wieler & Co.  
Aron, British barque, Capt. Christensen.  
—Tung Sang Woo.  
B. P. O'NEILL, American ship, Captain  
Hughes.—Douglas, Laprak & Co.  
CONSUMMANT, American ship, Captain I.  
M. Deane.—Russell & Co.  
HARRIS E. TAYLOR, British barque, Capt.  
J. M. Connelley.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
MANUEL, Spanish barque, Capt. Estival.  
—Remedios & Co.

**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**

**Shipping.**

Daylight.—Formosa leaves for S'ow, &c.

Daylight.—Anchises leaves for London.

10 a.m.—Venice leaves for Shanghai.

Noon.—Canton leaves for Shanghai &c.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of  
Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Taiyang leaves for Singapore,  
Penang and Calcutta.

**Miscellaneous.**

Goods per Kulsang undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

Goods per Borneo undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

**NOTICE.**

**A. S. WATSON & Co.,**

**LIMITED.**

**HAVE JUST RECEIVED**

**THEIR**

**ANNUAL SUPPLY**

**of**

**LAWN GRASS SEED**

**and**

**SWEET CORN,**

**for**

**IMMEDIATE SOWING.**

**HONGKONG DISPENSARY.**

Hongkong, March 1, 1888. 351

The publication of this issue commenced  
at 8.10 p.m.

**China Mail.**

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1888.

THE case of Yu Tsu Wan versus Garrels  
and Reuter, which was concluded in the  
Supreme Court yesterday after a hearing  
before a Special Jury which occupied  
six days, possesses an importance which  
may not at first sight be fully realised.  
Readers who are acquainted with the  
crisis to which insurance matters have  
now arrived at Home and in the Far  
East will understand the weight which  
both insurers and insured must attach to  
the decision arrived at in this case.

The Jury, of course, had certain specific  
questions submitted for their considera-  
tion, and these they answered adversely  
for the plaintiff; but there are several  
other aspects of the case which will  
readily occur to those who have noted  
the signs of the times during the past  
year or two. Yu Tsu Wan, the plaintiff,  
sued for damages in the sum of \$50,000,  
in that defendants (Mr. Garrels and Mr.  
Reuter, agents for non local insurance  
offices) had falsely and maliciously pro-  
secuted the plaintiff for having wilfully  
set fire to certain premises occupied  
by him and insured in defendants' offices.  
The plaintiff alleged that defendants,  
by opposing bail, had influenced the  
Magistrate to place bail at such a prohi-  
bitory sum, that he had by reason of  
their action been imprisoned from the  
2nd day of April till the 4th of June  
last, on which latter date he was tried  
at the Supreme Court and acquitted;  
and that he (the plaintiff) had been  
thereby injured in his business, his  
feelings and his reputation, and been  
put to heavy legal expenses in his de-  
fence. The questions submitted to the  
Jury by the Acting Chief Justice, in  
his summing up of the case, were these:  
—Did the defendants before instituting  
proceedings against the plaintiff take  
reasonable care to satisfy themselves as  
to the actual state of the case; and did  
they honestly believe the case as laid  
before the Magistrate? If they did,  
there could have been no malice in the  
proceedings taken against the plaintiff.  
As the Special Jury have replied to  
these questions in the affirmative, the  
first by a majority of four to two (one of  
the seven jurors had been released) and  
the second unanimously, the verdict  
has been recorded in favour of defend-  
ants, and the plaintiff has not succeed-  
ed in recovering damages.

We do not propose to appraise the  
amount of recklessness or precipitancy  
shown or alleged to have been shown  
by the defendants in instituting pro-  
ceedings against the plaintiff. It would  
be a very hard task to prove that the  
possible presence of precipitancy ex-  
cluded the exercise of what is described  
in law as "reasonable care." Under cer-  
tain conditions a little precipitancy may  
be actually necessary, especially when  
dealing with Asiatics. But fortunately  
this question has been decided by the  
Jury, after a patient hearing of all the  
facts of the present case. The serious  
risk of charging a person with a crime  
which is believed to be as common here  
as it is difficult of proof has been run;  
and the decision of a Special Jury is  
that, as the charge was brought in a  
bona fide manner, without malice, no  
damages can be recovered by the person

so charged. Such a verdict will impos-  
sibly insure the necessity of taking  
every reasonable precaution before  
charging any policy-holder with a  
crime so serious, which must also be a  
formidable reminder to policy-holders and  
others that any attempt to defraud  
an insurance agent may turn out to  
be far less successful than it  
has hitherto done. In view of the tre-  
mendous increase in the number of fires  
which has lately become apparent, any  
well-wisher of the Colony might well  
tremble at the occurrence of anything  
calculated to favour the spread of in-  
cendiarism. This consideration would  
not, of course, in any way influence the  
mind of the jury in the case now referred  
to, as they had more specific and definite  
questions to pronounce upon. But the  
jury having pronounced upon these, and  
decided that the action of the defendant  
insurance agents was not such as to  
justify recovery of damages, it will be  
subject of congratulation that this ver-  
dict has been given, as it is more likely  
to discourage projected frauds upon  
insurers than an opposite verdict would  
have done. It might be argued that  
the recklessness, eagerness, and careles-  
ness, which have been admittedly pro-  
minent features in insurance business  
in this Colony of late, in reference es-  
pecially to non-local companies, have  
been one of the chief inducements or  
aids to incendiarism in these latter  
days. But as, unfortunately, the inno-  
cent so often suffer with those who may  
not be blameless in the matter of fires,  
the greater reason should exist why no  
sort of encouragement, even of the  
most indirect nature, should be given to  
those who would deal unfairly or dis-  
honestly with an insurance office. It is  
a crime against the insurance office,  
even if that office be carelessly or reck-  
lessly managed; and it is also a crime  
against property, as well as against the  
community at large.

This case furnishes a very strong  
argument in favour of the compulsory  
investigation into the causes of every  
fire in this Colony. Although in this  
action the "intelligent jury" has relieved  
the defendant insurance companies from  
the alleged consequences of their action;  
it is not a pleasant thing for those con-  
cerned; and even in a case where the  
proof appeared to be beyond question  
clear and unimpaired, an insurer might  
still hesitate to risk the experiment of a  
possible sacrifice of himself to the ten-  
der mercies of the legal fraternity. Were  
a clearly understood official in-  
vestigation to be called into the facts  
connected with every fire, upon the one  
arising out of such investigation the  
Crown could base such prosecutions as  
might be deemed advisable. This  
would relieve the responsibility which  
rests, unfairly we think, upon private  
individuals who may think it their duty  
in the interests of justice to prosecute.  
It is a reasonable duty which fairly  
devolves upon the Crown—whether the  
premises affected is insured or not.  
Fire-raising, as we have said, is so  
essentially a crime against the property  
of all, that any wilful destruction of  
property in this way ought to be checked  
and punished by the Government as re-  
presenting the community. We trust  
to see the proposed new law introduced  
at no distant day.

**TELEGRAMS.**  
(From Singapore Papers.)

**GERMANY.**

Berlin, 10th March.—In his last hours  
the Emperor William advised Prince Wil-  
helm to adopt the most amicable attitude  
towards the Czar.

The Crown Prince ascends the Throne as  
Frederick the Third.

Berlin, March 12.—Frederick the Third  
arrived in Berlin at midnight, none the  
worse for the journey. His Majesty had  
most cordial interviews with King Ham-  
burg at Genoa and with Prince Amadus at  
Milan.

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**THE HOUSE OF LORDS.**

London, 10th March.—A motion by Mr.  
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tary principle in the House of Lords was  
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Mr. Gladstone supported the motion.

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London, March 12.—The death of the  
Emperor of Germany put a stop to most of  
the festivities in honour of the wedding of  
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**THE SITUATION.**

The Russian Press fears political results  
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**THE NEW EMPEROR OF GERMANY.**

Berlin, 13th March.—To-day's bulletin  
regarding the health of the Emperor is fa-  
vourable.

Frederick the Third has proclaimed that  
he will continue his father's work upon the  
same lines.

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**THE CONVERSION OF CONSOLS.**



IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.  
(Before His Honor Mr. J. Leach, Acting  
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**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO. v. CRUIKSHANK.**  
This is a case arising from the explosion which occurred recently on the mail steamer *Formosa*, in the cargo room, at Swatow. Mr. Wotton appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Webb for the defendant.

Mr. Wotton said this was an action by the Douglas Steamship Co. Limited against Wm. Cruikshank, druggist, carrying on business in this colony. On the 24th December last defendant shipped to the port of Swatow by the plaintiff's steamship *Formosa* a parcel said to contain drugs, under a parcel receipt. The parcel receipt contained a memorandum which stated that the receipt was granted on the same condition as goods sent in the case of dangerous goods not properly declared by the shippers, owners or consignees were held liable for any loss or damage caused by the conveyance of such goods. The plaintiff contended that, in accordance with the parcel receipt and the incorporation of the conditions of the charter-party, the defendant was bound to declare the nature of the contents of the parcel, and that the box he sent contained drugs but that they were of a dangerous and dangerous nature. The vessel left Hongkong on 23rd December last and reached Swatow on the 26th. She had on board and preparations were being made for discharging cargo at about 7.30 a.m. when an explosion occurred in the mail or cargo room. There were a number of other parcels there besides defendant's, but he (Mr. Wotton) thought he would be able to convince the Court from the evidence he should lead that it was none of these other parcels that did the damage, but the parcel of defendant's. The parcel was placed on a shelf in the room which was away from everything like heat such as might have caused any explosion. He should be able to prove that the part of the room where this parcel was placed was more burned than any other part, and this was strong evidence that the contents were of a very inflammable nature. He thought, however, he should be able to prove what the absolute contents of the parcel partly from the mouth of the defendant himself and partly from scientific evidence. The total sum which the plaintiff had been out of pocket in consequence of the explosion was \$511, and this sum they now claimed.

Mr. Webb said the defence was that the defendant's parcel did not cause the explosion and that no proper declaration was made with regard to it.

Mr. Wotton said he would first call, with his Lordship's permission, those witnesses who had sent parcels by the *Formosa* at the same time, so that they might not be kept waiting.

A. J. Rodriguez, clerk in the Post Office, said:—On 24th December last I packed the mails that went by the *Formosa* and the parcel which was sent by the defendant was one of the parcels. There was nothing in the bag except letters and papers.

J. M. V. de Figueiredo, share broker, said:—I sent a parcel by the *Formosa* on 24th December. It contained some Christmas cakes, and nothing else.

Dr. Chalmers said he sent a parcel by the *Formosa* for Tamsui. It contained only a collection of postage stamps.

A. D. Watson, book-keeper, *China Mail Office*—On 24th December I sent by the *Formosa* a parcel containing books and tobacco. The parcel did not contain anything else.

Alexander Levy—I sent a parcel of stationery by the *Formosa* to Swatow on 24th December. There was \$3 worth of paper. The parcel contained nothing else.

John Laing, assistant, Messrs Kelly and Walsh—I sent a parcel to Swatow and Amoy by the *Formosa* on 24th December. The parcel contained stationery, books and tobacco. It was of the value of about \$15.

By Mr. Webb—I saw it packed and tied up.

A. D. Douth, assistant, Lane, Crawford & Co.—I sent a number of parcels to Swatow, Tamsui and Amoy on 24th December. The parcels for Swatow contained stationery and nothing else. Those for Amoy were a whip and another bag of shot: the one for Tamsui was, I think, a hat. There was nothing in them of an explosive nature.

By Mr. Webb—I am not aware that my firm sent any regulation rockets. I can't swear they did not, but I certainly did not send any of my knowledge. There was no powder sent in any of the parcels I sent.

By his Lordship—The cartridge cases were capped. They were not loaded with powder. They were pin-fire cartridge cases.

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John Grant, Messrs Douglas Laik & Co.—Messrs Douglas Laik & Co. are the General Managers of the Douglas Steamship Co. The *Formosa* is one of the company's steamers. She left on 25th December last for Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui. In the hold were two cases of whisky which were delivered all in good order. I heard of the explosion which took place at Swatow. I was not then in charge of the shipping, but it was under my supervision.

In consequence of the explosion I went to see the defendant at the place of business, on 28th December. I saw his assistant first, and said, 'I have come to ascertain what the contents of a package of drugs were shipped by you on the *Formosa* under a parcel receipt.' The assistant went away and brought Mr. Cruikshank, whom I asked the same question. He replied that the place of business was at the Douglas Company's office. He hesitated, and on my pressing him he told me the contents were chlorate of potash and sulphur. That satisfied me, and defendant seemed a little excited and asked me why I wanted to know. I then told him there had been an explosion in the cargo room of the *Formosa*, and that the chlorate of potash and sulphur were packed in separate bottles and were perfectly safe. The receipt produced for \$340 is for the repairs done to the vessel here in consequence of the damage done by the explosion. There have been other payments made.

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ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1888, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *ANADYR*, Commandant DELACROIX, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 20th March, 1888. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

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Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 2 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

Tea, Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route of Colombo.

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Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, March 19, 1888. 462

FOR SALE.

NEW SHADES AND PATTERNS.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE, 2, WYNDHAM STREET, January 20, 1888.

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GILMAN & Co., Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

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WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, December 2, 1887. 2349

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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven sections, as follows:—

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Tseung Kooi shore, *t*, and those in the middle of the Harbour, *m*.

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf. 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Vessel's Name	Flag and Rtg.	Tons	Date of Arrival	Consignees or Agents	Destination	Remarks
Afghan	5 c Roy	Brit. str.	1439 Mar.	18 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Haiphong	To-morrow
Alwa	3 h Samuelson	Ger. str.	400 Mar.	19 Wieler & Co.	Marseilles, &c.	To-morrow
Amoy	3 c Kohler	Brit. str.	816 Mar.	18 Siemens & Co.	Spore & London	To-morrow
Anadyr	3 c Delcroix	Frch. str.	2489 Mar.	19 Messageries Maritimes	Swatow	To-day
Anchises	3 c Lapage	Brit. str.	1384 Mar.	19 Butterfield & Swire	Swatow	To-morrow
Angers	10 Finkham	Brit. str.	3185 Mar.	18 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow	To-day
Anton	3 h Aerboe	Ger. str.	390 Mar.	19 Wieler & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Ashington	3 c Reynell	Brit. str.	806 Mar.	17 Siemens & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Canton	3 h Brenner	Brit. str.	1111 Mar.	18 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Changshing	3 c Clark	Brit. str.	1623 Mar.	19 Adamson, Bell & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Cheung Hock Kian	3 c Webb	Brit. str.	356 Mar.	19 Bun Hin Chan	Swatow	To-morrow
Chow-chow-foo	3 c Wendt	Ger. str.	706 Mar.	18 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
City of New York	3 c Searle	Amer. str.	1329 Mar.	14 P. M. S. S. Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Devonhurst	3 c Houthoff	Dutch str.	1194 Mar.	16 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Diamante	3 c McCaslin	Brit. str.	514 Mar.	18 Russell & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Don Juan	3 c Marquez	Span. str.	482 Mar.	20 Brandes & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Dunbar	2 h Bertelsen	Ger. str.	927 Mar.	19 Tung Kee & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Fushiki Maru	3 h Hall	Brit. str.	674 Mar.	19 Hongkong Steamship Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
General Word	3 c Thompson	Japan. str.	1219 Mar.	19 Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Swatow	To-morrow
Glenallloch	10 Schuchmann	Ger. str.	1-20 Mar.	16 Melchers & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Kumamoto Maru	3 c Cormack	Brit. str.	1418 Mar.	18 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Lombardy	3 c Preston	Brit. str.	1736 Mar.	19 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Melita	2 c Mörck	Ger. str.	339 Mar.	11 Wieler & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Patrolia	3 c Young	Brit. str.	517 Mar.	17 Butler & Swire.	Swatow	To-morrow
Phra Chom Klao	3 c Pufford	Brit. str.	1386 Mar.	19 Tuen-Fai Hong	Swatow	To-morrow
Pilot Fish	3 h Jackson	Brit. str.	101 Sept.	27 K. & W. Dock Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Taisang	3 c Stapan	Brit. str.	15-6 Feb.	21 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Teresa	4 h Greig	Brit. str.	763 Mar.	15 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Uppingham	3 c Newcomb	Brit. str.	1430 Mar.	1 Adamson, Bell & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Venetia	2 h Cole	Brit. str.	1609 Mar.	20 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Vissaya	3 h Ajubita	Span. str.	406 Mar.	11 Chinese	Swatow	To-morrow
Yangtze	3 h Staeling	Brit. str.	814 Mar.	18 Siemens & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow

Name	Rtg.	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Captain	Where at.
Allie Rowe	3 k Phillips	Haw. bg.	334	June	9 Wieler & Co.	Laid up
Aron	3 k Christensen	Norw. bg.	634	Mar.	3 Chinese	Laid up
B. P. Chong	3 c Jensen	Ger. bg.	473	Mar.	17 Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Laid up
Centennial	3 c Hughes	Amer. str.	1239 Jan.	25 Douglas, Laprak & Co.	New York	Laid up
Coloma	3 c Barnes	Amer. str.	1222 Jan.	27 Carlowitz & Co.	New York	Laid up
Dorothea	3 c Noyes	Amer. bg.	882 Dec.	27 Melchers & Co.	New York	Laid up
F. P. Lotcheff	3 c Mueller	Ger. bg.	620 Jan.	29 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	San Francisco	Laid up
Great Admiral	3 c Young	Amer. bg.	1042 Feb.	16 Melchers & Co.	San Francisco	Laid up
Harriet E. Tapley	3 c Rowell	Amer. str.	1497 Feb.	17 Russell & Co.	San Francisco	Laid up
Kitty	3 c McCounachy	Brit. bg.	907 Aug.	20 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	London, &c.	Laid up
Manuel Taylor	3 c Laird	Brit. bg.	803 Aug.	20 Order	London, &c.	Laid up
Manuel	3 c Durill	Span. bg.	1205 Jan.	26 Carlowitz & Co.	London, &c.	Laid up
Norway	3 c Estival	Span. bg.	992 Jan.	26 Carlowitz & Co.	London, &c.	Laid up
Rialto	3 h Albrechtsen	Norw. bg.	657 Mar.	9 Wieler & Co.	London, &c.	Laid up
Santa Filomena	3 k Payne	Brit. bg.	1182 Jan.	3 Futau & Co.	London, &c.	Laid up
Santa Filomena	3 k Mendiguer	Span. sch.	448 Jan.	13 Chinese	London, &c.	Laid up
Santa Filomena	3 c Tiemann	Ger. bg.	10-7 Jan.	26 Melchers & Co.	London, &c.	Laid up
Santa Filomena	3 c Allyn	Amer. str.	1270 Jan.	28 Futau & Co.	London, &c.	Laid up
Walter Siegfried	3 c Lawrence	Brit. bg.	394 Dec.	17 Chinese	London, &c.	Laid up

## Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name	Rtg.	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Captain	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1400	4	3180	Com. R. Blair Macdonochie	Singapore
Andalous*	two-masted battle-ship	6010	10	4330	Capt. Robert Hastings Harris	Hongkong
Cookchafer	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Lieut. Com. H. H. Hester	Hongkong
Constance	gunboat 2nd class	2380	14	2590	Capt. L. C. Keppel	Hongkong
Cordelia	gunboat 3rd class	2380	10	1420	Captain Henry H. Boys	Shanghai
Esk	gunboat 3rd class	360	3	340		In reserve
Essex	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Lieut. Com. H. R. Adams	Shanghai
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Lieut. Com. Denison	Shanghai
Heroine	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Captain Chas. J. Balfour	Hongkong
Leander	gunboat 2nd class	3750	10	5000	Captain M. J. Dunlop	Hongkong
Linnæus	gun-boat 2nd class	755	5	1050	Commander W. Marwick	Tientsin
Melita	gunboat 2nd class	490	4	430	Lieut. Com. W. M. Martin	Singapore
Mutine	gunboat 2nd class	1200	10	1120	Commander J. H. Martin	Singapore
Orion	gunboat 2nd class	4870	4	4040	Captain T. H. Royle	Singapore
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	880	3	680	Commander W. U. Moore	Hongkong
Sapphire	gunboat 3rd class	670	6	1200	Lieut. Com. W. Maill. Dougal	Hongkong
Satellite	gunboat 3rd class	1970	18	2360	Captain W. O. Karslake	Hongkong
Soleat	gunboat 3rd class	1420	8	1400	Captain Arthur I. Alington	Shanghai
Swift	torpedo mining launch	150	—	—		Hongkong
Victor Emanuel	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	—	1010	Commander A. C. B. Bromley	Hongkong
Wanderer	receiving ship	5157	14	—	Commodore Maxwell, A.D.C.	Hongkong
Wivern	gun-vessel 2nd class	825	4	750	Commander Geo. Giffard	Hongkong
	coast-defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1450		Hongkong

\* Flagship of Admiral Sir H. Vesey Hamilton, K.C.B. Commander-in-Chief.

\* For H. B. M. Ships' tonnage, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy List.

## Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rtg.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
put	Russian gunboat	800	—	—	Captain Parengo	Nagasaki
yon	Spanish cruiser	1008	—	—	Captain D. E. Zolnaga	Manila
c	French gunboat	470	4	450	Commander Rupp	Haiphong
ora	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	1430	—	—	Captain Franz Muller	Whampoa
mark	German cruiser	2800	—	—	Captain Kuhn	Amoy
Colonel Dias	Portuguese corvette	—	—	400	Capt. da Costa Cabrel	On a cruise
	Russian cruiser	1100	—	—	Captain Menashcoff	Nagasaki
oklyn	U. S. frigate	3000	14	1200	Flagship of Admiral Ghandler	Hongkong
la	German cruiser	2100	—	—	Captain Schuman	Haiphong
ete	French gunboat	475	4	450	Lieut.-Commander Martel	Haiphong
try Donkey	Russian frigate	6000	—	—	Captain N. Strydoff	Nagasaki
x	U. S. corvette	1375	6	900	Commander Jewell	Kobe
	German gunboat	489	—	—	Captain Eickstedt	Hiohow
ar	French gunboat	485	2	270	Lieut.-Commander Fouet	Haiphong
an	French gunboat	485	4	425	Captain Nery	Haiphong
on	U. S. corvette	1300	7	1170	Commander Merrill Miller	Haiphong
ncacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	1470	Commander B. Glass	Cebu
ij	Russian gunboat	465	7	60	Commander Moltsoff	Yokohama
il	German gun-ressel	755	4	600	Commander Horen	Corea
uzink	Russian cruiser	1330	0	250	Captain Zarine	Zanzibar
	U. S. corvette	2400	15	1150	Capt. Corrie	Nagasaki
	U. S. gunboat	420	6	500	Lieut.-Com. Thomas Nelson	Corea
eval	French gunboat	540	—	—	Captain F. Ford	Yokohama
gunboat	French gunboat	540	—	420	Lieut.-Commander Paidlone	Haiphong
augnet	French cruiser	2200	15	2270	Captain Buge	Kobe
do	Italian cruiser	1458	5	—	Captain F. Oravella	Kobe
ains	Portuguese gunboat	500	—	—	Captain Raphael d'Andrade	Manila
la	Russian cruiser	360	—	—	Captain Th. Avelan	Corea
ch	Russian cruiser	900	1	1000	Commander Sudrieff	Corea
is	Russian gunboat	465	7	60	Commander Bylle	Japan
is	German cruiser	2100	—	—	Captain Cochur	Nagasaki
	Portuguese gunboat	610	5	500	Commander P. I. Gonveia	Manila
ane	Portuguese gunboat	—	3	100	Lieut.-Com. O. E. Caminha	Macao
ik	French frigate	5380	13	4250	Captain Tang	Kobe
ik	Russian corvette	1380	—	—	Captain Jung	Nagasaki
ok	French gunboat	450	4	425	Capt. de Marolles	Yokohama
	Russian corvette	2950	13	—	Captain Makaroff	Hongkong
	Russian gunboat	—	4	—	Commander Molchensky	Vladivostok
	Portuguese gunboat	384	3	840	Captain Jesuilla	Kobe
	Portuguese gunboat	—	4	100	Lieut. Com. C. M. P. Viana	Macao